

- Exercising (ROM)
- Grooming
- Toileting
- Transferring
- Walking

### **Service requirements**

- These services must be listed on the client's IEP.
- Approval must be given by the client's PASSPORT provider or primary care provider prior to billing for Medicaid covered services. For instructions on obtaining PASSPORT approval, see the *PASSPORT and Prior Authorization* chapter in this manual.

### **Services restricted**

Medicaid does not cover the following services provided by a personal care paraprofessional:

- Skilled care services that require professional medical personnel
- Instruction, tutoring or guidance in academics
- Behavioral management

Please see *Appendix B: Personal Care Paraprofessional Services Documentation*, which includes the child profile and service delivery record. The child profile provides detailed examples of activities of daily living.

### ***Special needs transportation***

Special needs transportation includes transportation services for clients with special needs that are outside of traditional transportation services provided for clients without disabilities.

### **Services include**

Special needs transportation services are covered when all of the following criteria are met:

- Transportation is provided to and/or from a Medicaid-covered service on the day the service was provided
- The Medicaid-covered service is included in the client's IEP
- The client's IEP includes specialized transportation service as a medical need.

Specialized transportation services are covered if one of the following conditions exists:

- A client requires transportation in a vehicle adapted to service the needs of students with disabilities, including a specially adapted school bus



The school district must maintain documentation of each service provided, which may take the form of a trip log.

- A client resides in an area that does not have school bus transportation (such as those in close proximity to a school).
- The school incurs the expense of the service regardless of the type of transportation rendered

### **Services included**

Special needs transportation includes the following:


- Transportation from the client's place of residence to school (where the client receives health-related services covered by the Montana School-based Services program, provided by school), and/or return to the residence.
- Transportation from the school to a medical provider's office who has a contract with the school to provide health-related services covered by the Montana School-based Services program, and return to school.

### **Services restricted**

Clients with special education needs who ride the regular school bus to school with other non-disabled children in most cases will not have a medical need for transportation services and will not have transportation listed in their IEP. In this case, the bus ride should not be billed to the Montana School-based Services program. The fact that clients may receive a medical service on a given day does not necessarily mean that special transportation also would be reimbursed for that day.

### ***Authorization requirements summary***

The following table is a summary of authorization requirements for school-based services that were described in each section above. For more information on how to obtain prior authorization and PASSPORT provider approval, see the *PASSPORT and Prior Authorization* chapter in this manual.



Medicaid does not cover special transportation services on a day that the client does not receive a Medicaid-covered service that is written into the IEP.